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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2002

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord of our Lives, our prayer this morning is to report in for duty. We know it makes a great difference how we think about You and how we conceive of our relationship with You. You are our supreme commander, we are Your servants. Throughout the Bible, the truly great men and women regarded the name "Servant of God" as a description of their highest calling. Patriarchs, priests, prophets, and disciples bore the distinguished title of servants. The psalmist urgently calls us to "Serve the Lord with gladness."—Psalm 100:2. That's our purpose today. As Senators, officers of the Senate, and staff, we all renew our commitment to serve You in our work in government. We are not here to be served but to serve. May no challenge be too momentous nor any assignment too menial for us as Your servants. Our security and esteem are not in titles, positions, power, or turf but in being Your servants, working for Your glory and the good of America. May it be so today, Sovereign Master of our Lives. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 15, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, shortly the Senate will vote on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 704, David Bury of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Following that, we will return to the energy bill. The managers will be ready to accept amendments.

We hope there can be some done today between the two managers. There will be no further rollcall votes. The majority leader announced last night we will come in, it appears, at about 3 o'clock on Monday, and further information will be given before we adjourn today.

The leader has also announced we will have at least one vote beginning at 6 o'clock Monday. There could be more than one vote.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF DAVID C. BURY, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session and proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 704. The clerk will state the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of David C. Bury, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today, the Senate is voting on the 41st judicial nominee to be confirmed since last July when the Senate Judiciary Committee reorganized after the Democrats became the majority party in the Senate. With the confirmation of David C.

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